



Mount Calvary Christian School Athletic Handbook

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I. Core Statements

- A. MCCS Mission: Assisting parents to fulfill their responsibility for educating their children to be faithful and mature followers of Christ, instruments for honor, sanctified, set apart, and “useful to the Master, and prepared for every good work (II Timothy 2:21; Luke 2:52).”
- B. MCCS Vision: MCCS will develop students who love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength, prepared intellectually and socially to overcome the challenges of the 21st century with humility, boldness, and Spirit-filled joy in the application of the global fulfillment of the Great Commission (Mk. 12:30-31).

II. Philosophy of Athletics

- A. Mount Calvary Christian School believes all that is done in life should be pleasing to God, including athletics. The athlete, coach, and team are striving to do their best in all areas of life. The necessity of winning is not emphasized, but performing to one’s best for the benefit of the team and playing with actions pleasing to Christ are of utmost importance. The primary concern of the coach is teaching a Christian athlete how to learn to deal with both winning and losing, as well as the pressures in the athletic world, in a manner that is pleasing to God.
- B. The athletic event has its importance after the concepts mentioned above. We believe the team is more important than one individual. While team unity is vital, individual achievements are also recognized (I Cor.10:31; Col.3:23).

III. Purpose of Athletics

- A. Overall Objectives
 - 1. To bring glory to God in all that we do.
 - 2. To provide Christian coaches who are not only trained to provide instruction in physical activities but are also able to provide spiritual guidance to those under their care.
 - 3. To involve the student body, parents, and teachers in developing school spirit and unity.
 - 4. To have a clear Christian testimony to the spectators, officials, and opposing team members through words and action. Christian values and Biblical principles are to be upheld while striving for winning teams (II Timothy



2:5).

B. Specific Objectives

1. To give each student the opportunity to develop to his or her full potential, since God has given each one talents that are designed for a purpose.
2. To build character traits such as alertness, confidence, cooperation, courage, decisiveness, discipline, efficiency, enthusiasm, initiative, loyalty, persistence, resourcefulness, respectfulness, self-control, sportsmanship, unselfishness, and proper response to pressure.
3. To teach the student to work diligently toward reaching specific goals.
4. To teach the student to be competitive and strive to be his/her best.
5. To develop responsiveness to group discipline.
6. To develop lasting relationships.
7. To develop self-confidence.
8. To develop respect for rules and properly placed authority.



IV. Sports Offered At MCCS

HIGH SCHOOL		
Season	Boys	Girls
Fall	Golf Soccer *Cross Country *Football	Golf Soccer Volleyball *Cross Country *Tennis
Winter	Basketball *Wrestling *Swimming *Rifle	Basketball *Swimming *Rifle
Spring	Baseball *Track & Field *Lacrosse *Tennis	*Track & Field
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
Season	Boys	Girls
Fall	Soccer	Volleyball
Winter	Basketball	Basketball
Spring	Baseball	Soccer

*MCCS has a cooperative sponsorship agreement with Elizabethtown High School for the sports noted. MCCS will transport athletes to E-town after school for practices/games on regular school days. It is the parents' responsibility to pick the athlete up and transport them on non-school days. The athlete is responsible to pay the prevailing participation fee charged by Elizabethtown High School.



V. Winning and Losing

- A. Winning is important, but it's not everything.
- B. We believe that Christians ought to strive for excellence in all that we do; therefore, every team ought to strive to win every game.
- C. Winning should not be used for personal glory or pride. We should be more concerned with what others think of Christ than what they think of us.
- D. Christian graces should be exhibited by our players and coaches, whether the game is won or lost.
- E. Athletic success: "Success for the Christian athlete is confidence that comes from knowing that he did the very best he could to the glory of God." Ivan Schuler

VI. Academic Eligibility

High School/PIAA/MCCS

- A. To be eligible for interscholastic competition, a high school student must
 - 1. Meet the eligibility criteria of the current PIAA handbook available at piaa.org
 - 2. Pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the principal as a full-time curriculum.
 - 3. Be passing at least four credits weekly.
 - 4. Have passed all major subjects, or the equivalent, during the previous grading period (MCCS). Have passed at least four major subjects during the previous grading period (PIAA).
- B. At the beginning of each sport season, the names of students participating in each sport are listed on PIAA.org Athletic Eligibility List.
- C. Academic Eligibility for **PIAA** requirements will begin immediately and be checked weekly every Friday. Any student not passing four major subjects will be ineligible to play any games the following week (Monday-Sunday). Students may practice with approval from the administrator, coach, and parents.
- D. Athletic Eligibility for **MCCS** requirements will be checked beginning with the first



progress report each quarter and weekly on the last school day of the week thereafter. Grades are evaluated on the MCCS grading scale available in the MCCS Student Handbook.

1. At the first progress report any student receiving 3 D's, 2 D's and 1 F, or 2 F's will be ineligible one week at a time, until they meet the MCCS standard. Any student ineligible for three weeks (15 school days) in a row may be removed from the team. Students who are ineligible may practice with permission from administrator, coach and parents.
2. At report cards, a student must have passed all major (Full Credit) subjects to continue playing or play in the next season. Any failure of a major subject on the report card will result in a two week (10 school days) ineligibility. If the student has a failing grade after the two week time period, they will be ineligible until they bring the grade to passing. That student may practice but not play in any contests (scrimmages & games).
3. At the end of the school year, the student's final grades for the year will be used to determine the student's eligibility for the next grading period. A student who fails two or more major subjects for the year will be ineligible for 15 school days and/or the first Progress Report. That student may practice with permission from administration & parents but may not participate in scrimmages and games. Students attending summer school and correcting their deficiencies shall be eligible.
4. Students desiring to participate in more than one school sport during a given season should reference section XXIII of this handbook for further information and guidelines.

Middle School/MCCS

- A. At the beginning of each sport season, the names of students participating in each sport are listed on the Athletic Eligibility Form.
- B. Athletic Eligibility will be checked at the first progress report and weekly on the last school day of each week thereafter.
- C. At the first progress report any student receiving 3 D's, 2 D's and 1 F, or 2 F's will be ineligible one week at a time (Monday – Sunday) until they meet the MCCS standard. Any student ineligible three weeks (15 school days) in a row will be removed from the team. Students who are ineligible may practice with permission from administrator, coach, and parents.
- D. At report cards, a student must have passed all major (Full Credit) subjects to continue playing or play in the next season. Any failure of a major subject on



the report card will result in a two week (10 school days) ineligibility. If the student has a failing grade after the two week time period, they will be ineligible until they bring the grade to passing. That student may practice but not play in any contests (scrimmages & games).

- E. At the end of the school year, the student's final grades for the year will be used to determine the student's eligibility for the next grading period. A student who fails two or more major subjects for the year will be ineligible for 15 school days and/or the first Progress Report. That student may practice with permission from administration & parents but may not participate in scrimmages and games. Students attending summer school and correcting their deficiencies shall be eligible.

VII. League Information

- A. Mount Calvary is a member of the CCAC (Commonwealth Christian Athletic Conference) and the PIAA (Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Conference). MCCS is a Single A school in District III. We do not hold PIAA status at the Middle School level.

VIII. General Guidelines

- A. It is a privilege for a student to participate in interscholastic athletics.
- B. Interscholastic athletics is a completely voluntary program.
- C. When a tryout is necessary, selection of a candidate is based on athletic performance, attitude, conduct, cooperation, and desire to represent the school in a proper manner.
- D. The participants must maintain high standards in the area of academics, citizenship, sportsmanship, and Christian conduct.
- E. A Student is a member of a team from the first day of practice until the awards program and or uniforms are turned in.
- F. Any student who is removed from a team must attend a conference held with the senior administrator, athletic director, coach, and parents to determine playing privileges for next scheduled season.
- G. Any regulations as required by individual coaches and authorized by the athletic director and school administration will also be in effect.
- H. Only students in grades 9-12 are eligible to participate at the varsity level. A high school athlete may not turn 19 years of age before July 1 prior to the beginning of a school year. A middle school student may not turn 15 years of



age before July 1 prior to the beginning of a school year.

- I. Proper respect for officials will be expected at all times. Any improper action or words for an official show a poor character and testimony. Disciplinary action will be taken by the coaching staff and administration.
- J. Cheer for other MCCA teams in a positive manner.
- K. Remain off the playing floor or field between halves.
- L. Electronic Devices: Limited use of electronic devices is permitted while traveling to and from athletic contests. Individual coaches may establish their own policies as it relates to the use of electronics on team trips.

IX. School Attendance

- A. All athletes are expected to have a good attendance record.
- B. In order to participate in an athletic event on a given day, the athlete must attend school on that day and must be at school by 9:15 a.m.
- C. Athletes must be in school for a minimum of 5 hours unless they are leaving for a sporting contest or have the scenario listed in "D."
- D. If athletes are too sick to come to school, then they are too sick to play. A doctor or dentist appointment that requires a student to arrive after 9:15, however, is excusable on the day of a game (with appropriate documentation of the visit), as is an absence which was pre-arranged with the senior administrator. A student who misses the entirety of a day of school due to a Doctor/Dentist appointment is not permitted to participate.
- E. Athletes leaving school early or getting back late from a game will not be given excuses for any tardiness, assignments, or tests given the next day.
- F. A student who receives a school suspension while a member of a team(s) will be forced to miss any game/match/meet/practice during the period of suspension. Additional penalties within the sport(s) in which the child participates may be administered at the discretion of the coach, Athletic Director or Administrator.
- G. Any student missing 20 or more days during a semester automatically becomes ineligible for athletic competition until he/she has attended forty-five days of school after the twentieth absence (PIAA).
- H. Students using personal days for the purpose of a family funeral/emergency are permitted to participate in athletic contests occurring on the personal day. Juniors and Seniors using personal days for the purpose of a college visit are



permitted to participate in athletic contests. Students must obtain a letter from the college they visited stating the dates of the visit. A student will not be eligible when absences, for the reasons mention above, are taken without a personal day form being completed.

X. Practice and Games

- A. Practice is very important to an athletic team.
- B. All athletes must be prompt and are expected to attend practice sessions as well as games.
- C. Athletes will not be excused from practice because of outside work responsibilities.
- D. High School teams may practice every day except Sunday. Middle School teams may practice every day, but will not have more than four practices in a week. (Exception: Pre-season, middle school teams may practice five days per week)
- E. Coaches may conduct optional practices, conditioning exercises, and open gyms prior to the first practice. Starting dates for each sport are regulated by PIAA and are listed on the MCCS school calendar.
- F. Practice attendance - A player with one unexcused absence will sit $\frac{1}{2}$ of the next scheduled game. Two unexcused absences will result in a one game suspension and be required to attend the game and sit on the bench. Three unexcused absences will result in the player and the player's family to have a meeting with the coach where consideration will be given to removing the player from the team.
- G. Game attendance – A player with one unexcused absence, will receive a one game suspension and will be required to attend the games and sit on the bench. Two unexcused absences will result in the player and the player's parent/guardian meeting with the coach where consideration will be given to removing the player from the team. A conference with administration and parents will be required to determine future participation.
- H. Individual coaches may set their own practice/game standards with the approval of the athletic director. This policy should be distributed to parents at the beginning of the season.
- I. Students who earn suspensions during a grading period will be suspended from team activities during the suspension. Further disciplinary action may be issued by school administration.



- J. Athletes must inform the coaches two weeks in advance of any games that they will miss and tell the coach two days in advance of any practices they will miss.
- K. Parents are responsible to see that their children are picked up promptly after practices and games.
- L. Student athletes remaining at school for a practice beginning after 3:00 p.m. are required to attend “Study Table” from 2:45 – 3:15 in the designated location according to the school’s duty schedule. Students whose practices do not begin by 3:15 should report to the field at the end of study table. Any student whose game does not begin until after 4:30 p.m. should not remain on campus at the end of the day unless he or she is attending a sporting event occurring prior to that practice/contest.

M. Guidelines for Weather-Related Situations

1. If School is dismissed early - All events/practices for that day are cancelled
2. If school is canceled for a day
 - a. If weather clears and the school property and roads are deemed clear for travel, practices may continue with authorization from the Athletic Director.
 - b. Practices under such circumstances are considered OPTIONAL for all players, and a player should not be penalized for an absence under this circumstance.

XI. Playing Time

- A. At the middle school level we instruct coaches to choose a starting team and make an effort for every team member to play in any portion of 2 quarters of a 4 quarter game, in both halves of a two half game, one of two game matches and in one or two innings in a six inning game. When “B” game opportunities are given it is not expected that every team member will play in every “A” game.
- B. At the junior varsity level we instruct coaches to choose a starting lineup and play the best players. We also encourage them to substitute as much as possible. Substitutes will be played when a player is injured, tired, not performing well, or when the outcome of the game is no longer in question.
- C. At the varsity level we instruct coaches to choose a starting team and play the best players. These players are chosen on ability and their performance at practice and previous games. Substitutes will be played when a player is injured, tired, not performing well, or when the outcome of the game is no longer in question. It is assumed that parents will instruct and prepare their



children for a competitive interscholastic program. The students need to be prepared for the fact that they may not make the team; they may not make the starting lineup; and they may not be the “star.” Success is not synonymous with playing time; success is contributing to the benefit of the team.

XII. Guidelines for Away Games

A. Conduct

1. The athlete is in a strategic position to give others a picture of our school. That responsibility should not be taken lightly.
2. Athletes are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times--on and off the field or floor.
3. We expect the athletes to be testimonies of Jesus Christ by their actions and words.

B. Dress

1. Athletes are expected to adhere to the school dress code for all athletic events. When there are alterations to this policy, the coaches and athletic director will give directions concerning what one may wear to these events.
2. Take pride in personal appearance.

C. Transportation

1. The school normally will provide transportation for the teams to go to the athletic event (games, practices, scrimmages, etc). After the athletic event, it is the parents responsibility to pick up their child at the appointed time and place. For those who live longer distances away, car-pooling, if possible, is recommended. Students will ride school-provided transportation. Exceptions will only be granted by prior written request from the parents and approval by the administration. On occasion, it may be necessary to have a student drive to an athletic event. Students who wish to ride with a student driver to an athletic event need written parental and administration permission.
2. Treat the bus and vans as if you owned them.
3. After every trip, clean up any mess that you made.



4. Keep the noise to a low level.
5. Always be courteous to the driver.
6. All who go on the school vehicles shall return on the same vehicles. Any exceptions must be approved by the coach in advance.
7. There will be no food or drinks in the vans or bus (except for approved travel games).

XIII. Conduct

A. Activities Resulting in Immediate Suspension:

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| 1. Illegal drugs | 4. Immoral conduct | 7. Assault |
| 2. Smoking | 5. Dangerous weapons | 8. Hazing |
| 3. Use of alcohol | 6. Theft | |

9. Other conduct deemed severely detrimental to the team/school/program at the discretion of both the Administrator and the Athletic Director.

B. Any student-athlete suspended for or receiving disciplinary probation for any of the above listed serious behaviors will receive a minimum of a (50) calendar day suspension from the date of the administrator's conference and or communication of the discipline.

C. During the school year, these regulations are in effect twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week for all students, and extend to summer months when students are participating in school activities under the supervision of school personnel (i.e. camps & summer league).

D. If the school year concludes before the (50) day suspension has been completed, the suspension will continue at the beginning of the next school year.

E. Offenses occurring during the summer months when the student is participating in activities under the supervision of school personnel will result in immediate removal from the activity, and the (50) calendar day suspension will begin with the first day of school.

F. Any student-athlete who comes in contact with drug or alcohol use should leave the location IMMEDIATELY to avoid temptation and eliminate suspicion.



- G. Those students suspended must attend a conference held with the senior administrator, athletic director, coach, and parents. A complete report will be filed with the athletic director and senior administrator.
- H. Athletic teams may establish additional guidelines through their training rules with approval of the athletic director and senior administrator.
- I. Parental Conduct – If a parent of an athlete is ejected or disqualified from an athletic contest he/she must complete the following training. A certificate of completion must be given to the Athletic Director before he/she can attend another school sporting event. The training is free from the National Federation of High School Athletics and is located at the following website:
<https://nfhslearn.com/courses/18000/positive-sport-parenting>

XIV. Facilities and Equipment

A. Gym

1. It is a privilege to have a gym facility.
2. The gym facilities should be treated with respect.
3. All damage to the gym must be reported to the coach or athletic director.
4. No one is allowed in the gym unless appropriate permission has been granted.
5. No cleats are to be worn in the building.
6. There are no students allowed in the equipment room unless given permission by a coach or teacher.

B. Locker Room

1. Take care of the locker room; it's a privilege to have one.
2. No horseplay in the locker room.
3. No cleats inside the locker room.
4. Hanging fixtures are for curtains, towels, and light clothing.
5. Books, book bags, gym and equipment bags are to be stored on the locker room shelves. The gym and equipment bags should be placed on the locker shelves first thing in the morning.
6. All clothing and equipment left on the floor will be placed in the lost and found. The lost and found box will be emptied regularly.



7. No food or drinks are allowed in the locker room.
8. Clean out your locker every Friday.
9. Make sure appliances, and water are turned off and trash is picked up.
10. Respect other peoples' property. Use a combination lock to protect valuables.

C. Equipment

1. All equipment shall be handled with respect.
2. Use equipment issued only for that particular sport.
3. All equipment shall be returned to the head coach at the time given by the coach. Do not turn in uniforms into the school or physical education offices.
4. All equipment shall be the responsibility of the one to whom it is issued. Any damage or loss of equipment will be paid for by the one to whom it is issued.
5. Students are not allowed in the uniform closet to get extra uniforms. Please inform your coach when your uniform is missing.

XV. Physical Exams and Permission Slips

- A. Each student and parent must have read the athletic handbook and have parental permission to participate in athletics.
- C. The Athletic Handbook Acknowledgement Form must be completed.
- D. Each student must be in good health. A comprehensive physical exam must be given by a licensed physician and permission to participate granted before the athlete may practice. The only acceptable documentation of a sport physical is a fully completed PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form (CIPPE) authorized after June 1 of the school year in which participation will occur. Any student who is determined not to be in good health (by the doctor) or has had an injury requiring medical treatment will not be allowed to participate until written permission is obtained from a licensed physician. Each parent should communicate to the athletic director and coach any limitations a particular athlete may have; this is for the safety of the athlete. For high school students participating in more than one sport during a school year, Section 7 Re-Certification Form History (Recertification) form must be completed and turned into the athletic department for approval to participate in the next scheduled



season.

- E. Each new student and returning student in grades 6, 9, and 11 must complete a baseline concussion test administered by Mount Calvary Christian School. Directions for completing this test will be provided by the school at the beginning of each athletic season.

VI. Awards

- A. Mount Calvary Christian School realizes the need for recognizing athletic achievements. We believe the greater the accomplishment, the more recognition one has earned.
- B. All students who participate for an entire season with an athletic team will receive a certificate of participation.
- C. Varsity athletes who may earn letters are those who play in an average of 50% of total minutes/innings played. All seniors who complete a varsity sport earn a letter in that sport without regard to other requirements.
- D. A first year letterman receives a letter with a pin representing the sport. A returning letterman receives a pin for each additional year completed. Captains receive captain pins.
- E. All-conference players who are chosen by the league coaches are given All-Conference certificates. The most valuable, most improved player, and coaches award are chosen by the coach and will receive a plaque. The Senior Athlete of the Year award is presented at Graduation. The Senior Athlete of the Year award is based on Christian testimony, career, and senior year accomplishments.
- F. Other awards are the CCAC Academic All-Conference, given to students in grades 9-12 who earn a varsity letter and have an A average for the quarter. Senior Sportsmanship and the E. Jerry Brooks Academic Excellence Awards are awarded at graduation.
- G. Managers, scorers, and statisticians who complete a sport receive a certificate and a pin indicating their participation with the team.
- H. All awards will be presented at the three scheduled athletic awards events following each season.

XVII. Athletic Department Chain of Command

The athletic director oversees the entire athletic program. He/she works with the



senior administrator to provide a quality program. Each coach reports to the athletic director. Questions or concerns about a specific team should be first addressed to the appropriate coach. If your questions are not sufficiently addressed, contact the athletic director and then the senior administrator. Parents are strongly encouraged to support the decisions of the coach. While you may not agree with every decision of a coach, how and when you express your feelings may have a negative effect on your child and on the team. The time immediately following a contest is an emotional time, so please refrain from approaching a coach with issues immediately following a contest.

XVIII. Parent/Coach Relationship Guidelines

- A. Both parenting and coaching are difficult tasks. Parents and coaches must have an understanding of the expectations and philosophies of one another. Clear communication is important.
- B. Communication you should expect from the coach:
 - 1. Philosophy of the coach
 - 2. Expectations the coach has for the team members
 - 3. Locations and times of all games and practices
 - 4. Return times for games
 - 5. Team requirements: i.e. fees, special equipment, off-season conditioning
 - 6. Procedure to follow for injuries
 - 7. Discipline that would affect playing time
- C. Communication coaches expect from parents:
 - 1. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
 - 2. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.
- D. Appropriate issues to discuss with a coach:
 - 1. The treatment of your child, mentally, and physically
 - 2. Ways to help your child improve
 - 3. Concerns about your child's behavior
- E. Issues not appropriate to discuss with a coach:



1. Playing time
 2. Team strategy
 3. Play calling
 4. Other student-athletes
- F. Parents/Guardians that violate these guidelines will be required to attend a conference with the school administration.

XVIX. Parental Participation

- A. Being the parent of a student athlete requires a commitment of support and time. MCCA acknowledges the support our school parents give our athletic teams and individual players. Currently MCCA is one of the few schools that do not charge a “pay to play” fee. The administration and church board sincerely want to maintain this unwritten policy. It is necessary, however, to strongly encourage all parents of athletes to become more than spectators. The Athletic Department is in need of committed volunteers to be part of the MCCA Athletic Boosters. The purpose of the Athletic Boosters is to be a foundation of support for our athletics. This group must also recognize that the current school budget cannot cover all the expenses of running multiple athletic teams. It is necessary that additional funds be raised. To relieve the burden of fund raising off the immediate school family, the Athletic Boosters will be working off campus to raise money.
- B. At these events many volunteers will be needed as chairpersons and as willing workers. These fundraising events give MCCA athletes the opportunity to connect with the community. We need each family to give a little of their time with events throughout the school year, the wiffle ball tournament and/or other events not yet planned.
- C. Additionally, parents can become involved by selling concessions at home games. If you do not wish to miss your child playing, then perhaps you can work in the concession stand during another game. Student athletes will be strongly encouraged to help in the concessions and fundraisers.

XX. PIAA Policies/NCAA Clearinghouse

- A. PIAA has established many guidelines regarding amateur status, out-of-season participation, transfers to other schools, and recruiting violations. Any questions concerning any of these should be directed to the Athletic Director.
- B. Any High School athletes who anticipate participating in athletics at the collegiate



level should register with the NCAA clearinghouse. This is mandatory for athletes attending division I or division II schools. Information can be obtained through the guidance office or the athletic office.

XXI. Athletic Wear and Team Ordering

- A. All shirt designs, colors, usage of the Mount Calvary Athletics name and logos must go through the head coach and approved by the athletic director. Student athletes should not collect money from the team members without direct approval from the athletic director. The athletic department encourages team spirit and welcomes the opportunity in working with individual teams and coaches in placing orders.

XXII. Two sport Athlete Policy

- A. The following guidelines shall be adhered to by athletes desiring to play more than one sport during any given season.
1. The student-athlete and his/her guardian shall inform the athletic director and team coaches of the athlete's intention to participate on multiple athletic teams.
 2. The student-athlete and guardian shall declare a "primary sport" and a "secondary sport" for the purposes of determining priority in the event of scheduling conflicts.
 3. The coaches from the affected teams will meet with the Athletic Director at the beginning of the season and work to maximize the athlete's availability for both teams.
 4. Student-Athletes participating in multiple sports will not be allowed to participate (games or practices) in their "secondary sport" in the event that any grade falls below a "C-". If the student-athlete becomes academically ineligible by MCCA standards at any point during the season he/she will automatically be removed from his/her "secondary sport" roster for a period of one week. Three weeks of secondary sport ineligibility will result in removal from the secondary sport. All other eligibility criteria in this handbook remain in place.
- B. Two sport athletes will only be allowed multiple sport participation when a team's active roster falls below the following thresholds:
1. Baseball – 12 participants
 2. Basketball – 7 participants
 3. Golf – 7 participants
 4. Soccer – 15 participants
 5. Volleyball – 9 participants
- C. Coaches, parents and the student athlete are asked to seriously consider the positive/negative implications of multiple sport athletes participating on their respective team. Team unity, academic requirements, and increased potential for injury should all be considered prior to participation in multiple sports.



XXIII. Hazing Policy

- A. “Hazing” as defined by the state of Pennsylvania is, “Any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of [a student] a person or which willfully destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with, or as a condition for continued membership in, any organization... The term shall include, but not be limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug or other substance, or any other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health and safety of the individual, and shall include any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual, or any willful destruction or removal of public or private property.”
- B. Mount Calvary Christian School prohibits any of the aforementioned actions because of their affront to man’s God-given dignity. MCCS prohibits hazing as an initiation or admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in an organization, sports team, club, or any student entity. MCCS shall not permit, or make as a condition of inclusion into a group, any activity mentioned above. There shall be no hazing or forced activity implemented as a prerequisite to participate in a school-sanctioned activity or ad hoc group entity at Mount Calvary Christian School.
- C. A copy of this policy shall be provided to all staff members and coaches and be included in both the athletic and student handbooks. Any staff member or coach who knowingly permits hazing of any kind without reporting it immediately will be subject to disciplinary action by the trustee board and/or the administration.
- D. Students found to be hazing will be subject to disciplinary action as described in the student handbook under the bullying policy. Penalties may include the withholding of diplomas, transcripts, and the imposition of probation, suspension, dismissal or expulsion. Students also may be subject to criminal laws of this State.
- E. In the event that an MCCS organization permits hazing in blatant disregard of such rules, penalties may also include withdrawal of permission for that organization to operate on campus or other school property.